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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, PINT, WB, GW
SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN IMPOSE NEW FEE ON BERLIN TRAVELERS

1. EAST BERMAN DEPUTY VISITS COMMISSIONER MUELLER CALLED ON
SENAT VISITS COMMISSIONER KUNZE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 25 TO INFORM
LATTER THAT AS OF MARCH 1, GDR WILL CHARGE DM10 "STREET USAGE FEE" FOR

ALL WEST BERLIN AUTOMOBILES ENTERING EAST BERLIN. (ALTHOUGH
WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION, WE BELIEVE THAT SIMILAR FEE WILL BE LEVIED
ON WEST GERMAN AND FOREIGN AUTOMOBILES.) MUELLER STATED THAT SUCH
ROAD USAGE FEE HAD BEEN CHARGED TRAVELERS TO GDR AND IT WAS
"INCONSISTANT WITH GDR SOVEREIGNTY AND STATUS OF ITS CAPITAL
CITY" THAT VISITORS TO EAST BERLIN CONTINUED TO BE EXEMPT
FROM SUCH FEE. MUELLER DECLARED THAT THIS ACTION WAS NECESSARY TO
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HELP MAINTAIN STREETS OF EAST BERLIN AND IN NO WAY WAS EFFORT
"TO INCREASE TENSIONS". MUELLER CITED AS LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR
FEE GDR DECREE OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1951.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LATEST SLICE FROM BERLIN STATUS IS
CONCISTENT WITH PREVIOUS EAST GERMAN ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN "HAUPTSTADT BERLIN" AND GDR. WE HAVE

PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT AND CLEARED IT WITH
BRITISH AND FRENCH FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS:
"IN THEIR STATEMENT ISSUED IN BONN ON JANUARY 6, THE
WESTERN ALLIES MADE CLEAR THEIR POSITION CONCERNING ATTEMPTS
BY THE GDR TO CHANGE UNILATERALLY THE STATUS OF GREATER
BERLIN. ANY SUCH EFFORTS CAN HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE STATUS
OF THE CITY, WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY FOUR POWER
AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS. THE ALLIES ALSO DEPLORE ANY MEASURES
WHICH TEND TO REDUCE FREEDOM OF CIRCULATION WITHIN GREATER BERLIN."
FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT AP PLANS TO ASK US ABOUT EAST
BERLIN STREET USAGE FEE. END FYI. GEORGE

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